

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Yoshiaki AOKI, et al.)	
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Appln. No.: 10/589,928)	
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR REFUND OF FEES

Sir:

This letter is for the purpose of requesting a refund of the Information Disclosure Statement fee erroneously paid on June 30, 2008, for the above-identified application. These paid fees amounting to \$180.00 were paid through Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

The fee paid on June 30, 2008, was erroneously submitted because a first Office Action on the merits has not yet been received. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(e), no fee is required within 3 months of the filing date of the national application or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

Applicant now requests that the Commissioner credit the fee, totaling \$180.00, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required with respect to this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,
Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery

Dated: January 23, 2009

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